GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services — Forest Department – V&E Report – Verification of Neeru-Meeru works in Anantapur Forest Division – Excess expenditure incurred in earth work and rough stone dry packing – Disciplinary action initiated against Sri K. Eswaraiah, Forest Range Officer(Retd) formerly worked in Kadiri Range - Inquiry finalized and Findings received - Imposition of penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two years besides 50% recovery of misappropriated amount i.e., Rs. 4,51,669/- from the DCRG of the charged officer - Show-Cause-Notice issued – Explanation received – Final orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 108 Dated: 26-12-2015

Read the following:

1. From the DG, (V&E) & EO. Prl.Secy., GA., Department, Vig. Report NO.127, dt:23.10.2006 received through G.M.No.199/SC.D/A2/2006-1.GA(SC.D)Dept, dt:18.11.2006.
2. G.M.No.10587/For.IV/A1/2006-12, dt:25.9.2010.
3. Findings of Inquiry Officer (Addl.Prl.CCF, Ananthapur), dt:28.4.2012.
4. G.M.No.10587/For.IV/A1/2006-13, dt:14.11.2012.
5. From the Prl.C.CF., Ref.No.54214/2006/K3, dt:22.03.2013.
6. Govt.Memo.No.10587/For.IV/A1/2006, Dt:14.07.2015.
7. From Prl.CCF, Lr. Rc.No.54214/2006/Vig-4, Dt:11.09.2015 alongwith Sri K.Eswaraiah, FRO(Retd), explanation dt:10.08.2015.
8. Govt. Letter No.10587/For.IV/A1/2006, Dated:13.10.2015.
9. From the Prl.Secretary, APPSC Lr.No.921/DC&C/3/2015, dt.07.12.2015.

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ORDER:

In the reference 5th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has informed that disciplinary action has been initiated and Articles of Charges were issued against Sri K.Eswaraiah, Forest Range Officer (Retired) formerly worked in Kadiri Range, vide Prl.CCF, Ref.No.54214/2006/PXA2, Dt:01.05.2008., on the following count:

Article-I: That, he has incurred excess expenditure in the works relating to "Earth work excavation" in percolation tanks under Neeru Meeru works during the years 2002-2003 to 2004-05 and also prepared and submitted the estimates with various ineligible items and exaggerated rates leading to sanction of estimates and thereby resulted in booking of excess expenditure.

Article-II: That, he has incurred excess expenditure in the works relating to "Rough stone dry packing" in percolation tanks under Neeru Meeru works during the years 2002-2003 to 2004-2005 and also prepared and submitted the estimates with various ineligible items and exaggerated rates leading to sanction of estimates and thereby resulted in booking of excess expenditure.

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the receipt of Articles of Charges on 10-01-2009 and he has submitted written statement of defense on16-4-2012. The Prl.CCF, A.P., Hyderabad., appointed the Addl.Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests, Anantapur Circle and Divisional Forest Officer, Anantapur Division as Common Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer respectively vide Prl.CCF, letter Rc.No.54214/2006/P2, dt:10.03.2011. After conducting the enquiry, the Inquiry Officer has submitted his findings 28.04.2012 concluding that the charges are partly proved. The findings along with the disagreement factors were communicated to the Charged Officer vide Prl.CCF, Rc.No.54214/2006/K-II/1, dt:05.12.2012 and obtained further defense statement.

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3. The Charged Officer has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2004. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

4. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, Government have observed that the charges framed against the Charged Officer are held proved and provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two years besides 50% recovery of misappropriated amount i.e., Rs.4,51,669/- from the DCRG, of Sri K.Eswaraiah, Forest Range Officer (Retired) formerly worked in Kadiri Range, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 6th read above. The Retired Officer has submitted his explanation to the Show-Cause-Notice through the reference 7th read above in which he has not put forth any new points.

6. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two years besides 50% recovery of misappropriated amount i.e., Rs.4,51,669/- from the DCRG, of Sri K.Eswaraiah, Forest Range Officer (Retired) formerly worked in Kadiri Range, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is requested to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASHWINI KUMAR PARIDA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Prl. Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.921/DC&C/3/2015, dt.07.12.2015).
Sf./Sc.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER